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APPLY THE FUNDS.

The Mormons merge all their life in-
surance, accident insurance, sick in-
surance, and burial insurance, into the
tithes, with the expectation that they
will be cared for in need and old age.

The tithes are held by an unrespon-
sible hand. An Attorney-General for
Utah like District Attorney Jerome of
New York would explode the whole
business and enforce a proper applica-
tion of the funds.

Has President Smart changed his in-
tention to show the Government how to
really open a reservation?

It seems almost impossible for the
Light and Railway company to believe
that it does not own the city.

In tantalizing with promising clouds
those who desired rain, Prof. Hyatt
was a great tease yesterday.

In the meantime, the officials of the
Light and Railway company will pre-
pare plans for the fall campaign.

It is believed that Gentiles are going
to be rude enough to crowd in at the
registration offices and register.

But the hierarchy might have pitied
Mrs. Raleigh and declined to take her
home if it had been of very little value.

Church authorities trust that Gen-
tiles generally will believe all the dis-
paraging reports about the reservation.

In this reservation matter, the
thoughtful hierarchy would advise Gen-
tiles to stay at home and avoid the
rush.

President Smith can unqualifiedly
recommend Provo woolen goods, as the
hierarchy derives a profit from the
sales.

There are undoubtedly shirkers here
and there about the city who have not
done their share of the work of wasting
water.

If those who are again violating the
sprinkling regulations do not look out
water officials will say mean things
about them.

Still, the church company will hesi-
tate to put its rates for lights up to the
old figures, as Mr. Newhouse would be
sure to hear of it.

Why should the Council do anything
more for the Light and Railway com-
pany, when it doesn't know how to be
thankful for a gift?

Why should a registration office be
opened in Salt Lake, when it would
enable a large number of Gentiles to
register conveniently?

As Senator Smoot has not treated
Heber City well, quite a number of its
citizens will not favor him any more
until ordered to do so.

In refusing to believe misstatements
of some of the leading St. George breth-
ren, the Advocate has clearly been
guilty of unchristianlike conduct.

Arizona polygamists who are being
threatened with prosecution can prove
by recent remarks of Apostle Penrose
that there are no polygamists now.

But the Light and Railway company,
notwithstanding the course of the
Council majority, is still willing to sell

water rights to the city for more than
their value.

THE UTAH SITUATION REVIEWED.

The Tribune prints today the full
special plea of the Deseret News in be-
half of the Mormon church.

For the sake of convenient analysis
and comment, the article of the News
is divided by The Tribune into num-
bered sections.

To this article, by its sections, The
Tribune makes the following reply:

I.
Visitors who arrive in Salt Lake City
are taken in hand, as far as possible,
by emissaries of the Mormon church,
who expend all their sweetness upon
such visitors in the endeavor to make
a sanctified impression. As pointed out
in these columns on several occasions,
a well-known story is told to these vi-
sitors, much of which is true and some
of which is false, and the denizen leaves
here, sometimes believing as he is told,
that "All is well in Zion."

But underneath the surface is the
volcanic fire and the earthquake crack.
This may be divided between Gentile
and Mormon. For the time being the
Mormon church is in the ascendant; its
immense resources of money, political
and ecclesiastical power have made of
it a successful tyrant. Because of its
infringements of the law and its violations
of covenant to the country, the Gentiles
have allied themselves against it. The
News may call it controversy or may
call it peace, according to the mendaci-
ous whim of the hierarchy; but every
man of intelligence in the community
knows that a conflict is on whose end
will be the retreat of Gentiles from their
possessions and their citizenship in
Utah, or the retreat of the Mormon
church from its autocracy.

As to a church schism: The News is,
as always, fatuously blind to what it
does not wish to recognize. There is
not only one schism, but there are sev-
eral schisms in the church. First,
there is the wide dividing line between
the ruling class and the toiling mass.
That line has become perceptible to the
dupes and they are restive. Within the
class is a schism, for Joseph F. Smith's
cruel policy is not approved by all of
his coadjutors of the hierarchy. The
Tribune states unequivocally that it
has information from the inside, show-
ing that at least seven of the men
composing the hierarchy are opposed
to Joseph F.'s policy, and that they are
ready for rebellion in case of favorable
opportunity.

In the mass are various schisms.
There is not one large group of Mor-
mons throughout the world that is not
rent in twain—one segment believing
that Joseph F. Smith is a prophet of
God, and the other segment doubting
the divinity of his work.

In this State the schisms are becom-
ing apparent to even the dullest and
slowest mind of the hierarchy. If Jo-
seph F. Smith were able to receive a
candid vote from the Mormon people of
this State, who are in close contact
with his policy, he would get what The
Tribune knows—an assurance that a
very considerable element of his people
are ready for revolt.

The Deseret News tries to whistle
through a graveyard. It is folly. There
is a determined controversy in Utah
between Mormons and Gentiles, and
there is unbridgeable schism in the
Mormon church itself.

II.
It is a favorite policy of the Deseret
News and the hierarchy to cover the
iniquities of church leaders by attack-
ing the character of critics. According
to the foolish logic of the News, Jo-
seph F. Smith may be a renegade crim-
inal, and Charles W. Penrose a drunk-
en traitor; both of them may set up
their claim to lead a mighty people in
the blasphemed name of God; and it is
a sufficient answer to critics to say that
some Gentiles are loafers and that
some Gentiles drink whiskey.

The degradation of the hierarchical
argument is demonstrated by this sec-
ond section of the News's special plea.
It affirmatively proves nothing. Its
only value is in showing that the Mor-
mon church is without any answer to
the charges which have been made
against it.

III.
On the part of the Gentiles of the
community there is a distinct determi-
nation to carry the forthcoming munici-
pal election. Why not? The in-
sane church would rob the taxpayers
and the citizenship of this com-
munity for all time if it had its way.
That Gentiles unite to stay the wicked-
ness of the church is the part of pru-
dence and good citizenship.

So far as Gentile distortion of the
truth is concerned, the News has con-
stantly failed to point out any specific
instance of such distortion. The Gen-
tiles of Salt Lake are ashamed enough
of the awful facts of the Utah situa-
tion. These awful facts need no exag-
geration. Frequently enough the News
has been asked to point out any specific
mis-statement, and the News has al-
ways failed to do so.

IV.
The suggestion that polygamy in the
Mormon church has been charged by
Gentiles as a common practice needs
only this elucidation: It is as common
as the numerical preponderance of
marriageable women will permit—or
nearly so. There are more young men
and young women in plural marriage
today than ever before in the history of
the Mormon church.

So far as priestly influence is con-
cerned, it never had so much vogue.
Reed Smoot, a priest and an apostle of
the Mormon church, is the dominant
political individuality in this State—in
appearance; and behind him stands the
chief of the hierarchy, Joseph F. Smith,
to whom alone Smoot is amenable.

The News is mistaken when it says

that there is not a response on the part
of the Mormon people to the demands of
the Gentiles. The Tribune is in re-
ceipt of information from various parts
of Utah, showing a greater unrest
among the Mormons than has ever be-
fore been witnessed within this genera-
tion. Hundreds and thousands of let-
ters have passed between members of
the church in complaint of existing
conditions, and in question concerning
a method of relief.

Any man possessing spiritual guid-
ance who would rise from within the
church today and call the people to re-
pentance, asking them to forsake their
false leaders, would find an immense
following.

V.
The News is, as usual, false when it
charges that vile stories are circulated
maliciously concerning the leaders of
the church. The simple truth is told.
Is it a "vile story" to say that Joseph
F. Smith lives in defiance of the laws of
God and man, and that he intends to
continue this vicious course? He testi-
fied so in Washington. Is it a "vile
story" to say that Charles W. Penrose,
editor of the Deseret News, is a per-
jured traitor? He testified so in Wash-
ington. The falsehoods are all on the
part of the News and the paid jackals
of the church, which utter cries against
Gentiles in order to drown the real is-
sue.

VI.
What are the "romantic stories" that
find their way into print? Within
twenty days past a great newspaper of
the United States has printed a number
of special articles, written by a special
correspondent who had been at work
for some time in the State of Utah.
With the exception of two or three inci-
dental, and probably unavoidable, er-
rors, this man, Mr. Irving Sayford,
staff correspondent of the Los Angeles
Times, told the exact truth, portraying
the situation more accurately than any
other visitor of recent times.

Did the News print and contradict
one of his special articles? Not at all.
It contents itself with wholesale denun-
ciation of special correspondents and
foreign newspapers in general. It dare
not meet the specific accusations of
newspapers like the Times and corre-
spondents like Mr. Sayford. That pa-
per and that gentleman, like The Trib-
une, challenged the News to specific de-
nial of statements made concerning the
church and members of the hierarchy.

VII.
The Mormon church is composed of
twenty-six men. For a long time The
Tribune endeavored to convince the
News that the Mormon church consist-
ed of the entire membership of the
community; but the News refused to
accept this definition. As pointed out
by The Tribune some time ago, the
claim of the News was that the church
consisted of its leaders solely. The
News was right and The Tribune was
wrong in that instance—although The
Tribune argued for what should have
been true. The rank and file of the
Mormon church have nothing whatever
to say concerning its faith and practice.
If one among them criticise the leaders,
or question their practice, he is excom-
municated. If one among them seek in
conference to oppose the concerted plan
of the hierarchy, he is silenced there;
he is afterward outraged and abused
and driven forth from the community.

It is true that the Mormon people are
in general thrifty, earnest, industrious
and law-abiding people. The News is
wrong, however, when it calls the Mor-
mon people the Mormon church. By
its own admission, long since made,
and as shown repeatedly by The Trib-
une, the hierarchy is the Mormon church,
and the Mormon people are the mass
of toilers who serve their tyrannical
masters, foolishly believing that these
masters possess some divine authority
of government.

VIII.
The Deseret News has frequently
complimented itself because it was not
willing to use the weapons of villifica-
tion. That paper and its editor are
coward liars, and in no respect is their
falsehood more apparent than in this
fictitious claim. The News has always
pretended that it had some informa-
tion which would appal the public if
revealed, and that it was restrained by
motives of delicacy from making its
information known. Nonsense. "The
News has said every vile thing that it
could say, or dared to say, concerning
its opponents. And when the hierarchy
has feared to have a financially re-
sponsible paper like the News commit
the libel, they have employed gutter
snipes, without a conviction except of
indecency, to do the sanctified dirty
work of Joseph F. Smith.

So far as having something better to
do is concerned, the News may have it
but has never shown it. The present
demonstration of the Deseret News in-
dicates that it is vastly afraid, and The
Tribune begs to take this opportunity
to assure the News that its fear is
quite justified. The world is awake.
The Mormon church may hold its own
theological ground, but it can hold no
other.

IX.
This is the coalition of forces in Utah:
All the people of decency are on one
side; all the people of indecency are on
the other side. It is not a matter of in-
dividual wrong-doing or right-doing. It
is a question of community gratitude
and fairness toward the United States.
At the request of many friends, both
Gentile and Mormon, The Tribune took
up the special plea of the Deseret
News, presented it in full and has met
its propositions with all due gentle-
ness. In thus presenting in full the
article of the News, it is the design of
The Tribune to acquaint its readers
with all that the Mormon church has
to say in its own behalf.

It might be said that the Deseret
News and those who stand behind it

are so far outlaw that they should re-
ceive their answer from the Sheriff's
hand and their reward behind prison
doors. In no other community may
men boast of their infractions of the
law, and by means of these infractions
maintain a community leadership. In
any other spot of the United States
their violent undoing of all their
pledges to the country, and their ruth-
less disregard of all the expectations
of their fellow citizens, would condemn
them. Here the law-breaking members
of the hierarchy assume that their
crimes sanctify them.

For this reason it is difficult to deal
with the community proposition. But
as the Deseret News has chosen to
make its special plea, The Tribune has
sought to answer it in plainness and
simplicity.

THE HEAVY RAILWAY TRAVEL.

All of the railway officials here agree
in the statement that their passenger
traffic is at the maximum. The Port-
land Exposition is given credit for
much of this extra travel, and undoubt-
edly a good deal of it is on account of
the irrigation work of the Federal
Government, comprising the seekers of
new homes. The opening of the Uintah
Indian Reservation is also adding
something to this flood of travel.

The Rio Grande Western officials are
especially gratified with their record of
passenger transportation. Mr. I. A.
Benton, the general passenger agent, is
jubilant on the great traffic.

Doubtless the Salt Lake route has
added a good deal to the travel this
way. It is increasing in importance
every day. With this new through line
to southern California, there is a nat-
ural preference for this route to that
over the hot Southern Pacific route
through New Mexico and Arizona.
When passengers from the East can
keep in the cool and attractive moun-
tains for hundreds of miles, they will
prefer to do so rather than pass over
the hot desert plains of the south.

The Oregon Short Line, with its
Utah Pacific connections, naturally
claims and receives the lion's share of
the Portland Exposition travel. And it
is gratifying to see so much of this
travel on all the roads, come by way
of this city. A peculiar and gratify-
ing feature of it is that so many come
by the Salt Lake route from southern
California to this city, on their way to
Portland.

Salt Lake City is rapidly coming to
the very forefront as the metropolis of
the mountain country. Denver was
long so considered; but that day has
now passed, for Denver is only on the
edge of the mountains, while Salt Lake
City is in the very midst of them. And
it is a great tribute to the attractive-
ness of the city that this centrality of
interest is becoming universally recog-
nized, and that no one wants to cross
the continent, or to attend any feature,
convention, or gathering of any kind,
on the coast or in the mountain coun-
try, without visiting Salt Lake. The
regular tourist travel is more and more
coming this way, and it is increasing
month by month.

And thus the city is coming into its
own; as the great central point for a
thousand miles in every direction.

THE NORWEGIAN INDEPENDENCE.

It is not at all likely that the move
of Norway for recognition as a nation by
the United States, would be accorded to
if made. The relations between Nor-
way and Sweden are not matters for
this nation to settle. If we should
recognize Norway as an independent
nation, however, that would be to as-
sume the settlement of the whole ques-
tion at issue. It is true that we set-
tled the fate of Panama, out of hand,
by immediate recognition; but this was
not so much on the international points
involved, as on the urgency of having
a settled government at the Isthmus,
and the obtaining of the canal conces-
sion promptly, so that the work could
be pushed.

But no compelling interest of the
United States requires this nation to
take the lead in the determination of
the rights of the Norwegian-Swedish
imbroglio. Other nations, in fact,
near by and with much greater com-
mercial interests than ours at stake,
must move first. Or, if the nations
should desire an international concert
of action to settle the status of Nor-
way and Sweden, this country would
no doubt be willing to join in such
conference.

It is true that there are a great many
Norwegian-born people in this coun-
try, and they naturally take a keen
interest in the dispute; and they are
good American citizens, too. The same
things precisely can be said as to the
Swedish-born citizens of this country.
And the fact that both sides are so
strongly represented in America, is an
additional reason why this country
should not undertake to settle this
difficulty. And further, the American
citizenship of both Norwegians and
Swedes should hold them steady against
the urging of partisan action by this,
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